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TO: District Superintendents
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FROM: Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: April 13, 2015

RE: Domestic Violence K–12 Survey

On January 29, 2015, Governor Nikki R. Haley issued Executive Order 2015-04 establishing the Domestic Violence Task Force to comprehensively address the cultural issues surrounding domestic violence in the State of South Carolina, including social, economic, and geographic issues as well as professional standards and best practices within government and non-government organizations. At the request of the Task Force's Community Awareness Committee, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has developed a *Domestic Violence Education Survey* to assess current domestic violence education practices in South Carolina's public schools. The survey should be completed by a representative from each school in every district.

Although the subject of violence is included in the South Carolina Academic Standards for Health and Safety Education, the goal of this brief 10-item survey is to get a better understanding of the specific types of violence addressed at each grade level and the type of curriculum used. The survey questions are attached to assist principals in determining the most appropriate individual to complete the survey. The actual survey must be completed online at: <https://ed.sc.gov/Survey/index.php?sid=44921&lang=en>. Please ensure that only one representative from each school in your district completes the survey as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, April 24, 2015**.

Thank you in advance for participating in the survey. The data compiled will assist the Domestic Violence Task Force in determining the next steps, which may include collecting additional information.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Sabrina Moore at smoore@ed.sc.gov, (803) 734-8433.

Attachment